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Letter dated 28 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit herewith the written statement of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran in exercise of its right of reply to the remarks made by the President of the Republic of Argentina in the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, on 23 September 2009 (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if you could arrange to have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

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Annex to the letter dated 28 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

On Wednesday, 23 September 2009, the President of the Republic of Argentina repeated baseless allegations concerning the involvement of Iranian nationals in the 1994 bombing in Buenos Aires. While 15 years after from the reprehensible bombing there is still no prospect of justice to the bereaved families, the Argentine authorities continue to deflect their failure to bring the real criminals to justice by levelling baseless accusations against Iranian citizens and interfering in the internal affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Islamic Republic of Iran deplores this irresponsible position and categorically rejects those claims as totally baseless and unsubstantiated and as interference in its internal affairs. We would like here to confirm our position regarding this matter as outlined in our letter dated 28 September 2008, which was circulated as document A/63/468.

It is hardly understandable why the Argentine authorities insist on exposing to the world their judicial system's ineptitude and its vulnerability to outside and inside political pressures. The whole AMIA Case is marred by incompetence, manipulation, corruption and fabrication of false documents as well as political and third parties' influence. And the whole scenario to fabricate the involvement of Iranian citizens comes from totally unsubstantiated statements taken from dishonest fugitives and members of a notorious terrorist group. The testimony given by them is more than false; it is a shameless politically charged plot directed by third parties, which has no legal or factual significance before any independent court. The trumped-up charges which are based on blatantly mendacious testimonies, coupled with piles of utterly absurd inferences and presumptions and invented assertions by the ousted Judge Galeano, are, then, so plainly incongruous that they only have served to discredit Argentina's judicial system and tarnish its integrity and efficiency. The plot is a mockery of justice, in short. It shows how badly Argentina's judicial system is influenced by certain circles and foreign Governments and reduced to a political tool against Iran. It indicates the existence of strong anti-Muslim sentiments in Argentine policy, as well, which has also been manifested in systematic persecution of Muslims and violation of their basic human rights, and which the Government needs to be alerted against.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran resolves to restore the reputation of its innocent citizens harmed by irresponsible allegations and shameless fabrications. In this context, those who collaborated in dishonouring the Iranian nationals by levelling unsubstantiated allegations against them shall be held accountable. In this context, the Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates its position as articulated in paragraph 4 of the annex to its letter dated 28 September 2008 (A/63/468).

As a long-standing victim of terrorism, the Islamic Republic of Iran sympathizes with all victims of terrorism, including those innocent people killed in the AMIA building. The AMIA case, for sure, is an open wound for Argentina; and it will not heal until and unless the Argentine judicial and political authorities shoulder their responsibilities to truly pursue justice and put an end to the wrong path they have taken by unfoundedly accusing those who were absolutely unrelated to the criminal act.